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AS AMBASSADOR TO THE US

1. ON JANUARY 21 SUBSECRETARY OF BOLIVIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY
HANDED ME FIRST PERSK NOTE FROM THE BOLIVIAN FOREIGN
MINISTER DATED JANUARY 19 WHICH REQUESTS AGREEMENT FOR
ALBERTO CRESPO GUTIERREZ AS BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE US.

2. BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THE BOLIVIAN FOREIGN
MINISTRY IS AS FOLLOWS: ALBERTO CRESPO GUTIERREZ, BORN GA
LA PAZ, BOLIVIA, MARRIED TO ELVIRA FELASCO, FOUR CHILDREN.
STUDIED AT SAN CALIXTO HIGH SCHOOL, LA PAZ,
SAN ANDRES UNIVERSITY, LA PAZ, AND LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS.
PROFESSIONAL CAREER ICLUDED SERVICE AS NATIONAL DEPUTY IN
VARIOUS LEGISLATURES, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE, DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL BANK, MINISTER OF ECONOMY,
PRESIDENT OF THE BOLIVIAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, COORDINATOR
OF UN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MINISTER
OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, MEMBER OF THE MARITIME COMMISSION, AND MEMBER
OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. SPECIAL
MISSIONS INCLUDE: 1941 VISIT TO THE US TO NEGOTIATE CREDITS FOR
CONSTRUCTION OF THE COCHABAMBA-SANTA CRUZ HIGHWAY. 1967 PRESIDENT
OF THE BOLIVIAN DELEGATION TO THE INTERAMERICAN CONFERENCE AT
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BUENOS AIRES AND PARTICIPANT IN THE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING AND

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE MINISTERS OF THE RIVER PLATE VALLEY ORGANIZATION. 1968 ALTERNATE HEAD OF THE BOLIVIAN DELEGATION OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE RIVER PLATE VALMEY MINISTERS.

3. ALBERTO CRESPO IS WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY. HE WAS BORN IN LA PAZ ON OCTOBER 18, 1906 AND, IN ADDITION TO BEING A PROMINENT BUSINESSMAN AND LAWYER, HAS BEEN A LEADER OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OFF AND ON FOR MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS. HE IS MODERATE IN HIS VIEWS AND HIS CONDUCT, INTELLIGENT, FRIENDLY, AND WELL RESPECTED. IT IS COMMONLY AGREED THAT HE IS A MAN WITH UNQUESTIONED INTEGRITY. WE WHOLEHEARTEDLY ENDORSE THE REQUEST BY THE BOLIVIAN AUTHOCSTIES FOR AGREEMENT FOR ALBERTO CRESPO AND TRUST THAT A PROMPT REPLY TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER CAN BE PROVIDED.
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